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Joint Resolution

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[H.J. Res. 606]

Designating February 16, 1991, as "Lithuanian Independence Day".

Whereas February 16, 1991, is the 73d anniversary of the declaration of independence of Lithuania;

Whereas on February 16, 1918, the Council of Lithuania, the sole representative of the Lithuanian people, in conformity with the recognized right to national self-determination, proclaimed the restoration of an independent and democratic Lithuania and ended all ties that formally subordinated Lithuania to other nations;

Whereas Lithuania was independent until 1940 when the Soviet Union took over the country;

Whereas the United States opposes tyranny and injustice in all forms and supports the cause of Lithuanian independence; and

Whereas the oppressed people currently living in Lithuania keep the flame of freedom forever burning in their hearts: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That February 16, 1991, is designated as "Lithuanian Independence Day", and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to celebrate such day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

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